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**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir:

Please examine the following amendment before calculating the filing fee for this case.

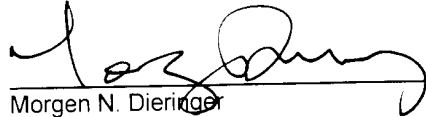
In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the identification is applied [through ink jet] by a printer [methods in single and/or multi-color by means of] with [ink(s)] ink.
4. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 3, characterized in that [at least an] the ink [is applied that] can be read by means of UV light.
5. A method as claimed in [one of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, characterized in that the identification is applied in the form of a bar code.

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